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SUBJECT: NEW SOLIDARITY INTERNATIONAL PRESS SERVICE

REF: A) STATE 307241; B) LIMA 10204

1. ON DECEMBER 23, DENNIS SMALL, IPS/NEW YORK, PHONED DEPT TO REPORT THAT HEARING HELD FOR VASQUEZ, IPS/LIMA, BY JUDGE OF MILITARY COURT DECEMBER 20-21. DECREE THEN HANDED DOWN PROVIDING FOR "DEFINITIVE DETENTION", AS AGAINST "PROVISIONAL DETENTION" BEFORE. FORMULATION OF CHARGES MAY NOW TAKE 3-6 MONTHS, IPS EXPECTS, AND COULD BE DELAYED "FOR YEARS".

2. SMALL SAID RECENT CONVENTION OF U.S. LABOR PARTY SENT A LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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CABLE BOTH TO JUDGE AND TO PRESIDENT OF PERU STRONGLY PROTESTING VASQUEZ' DETENTION AND DEMANDING IMMEDIATE RELEASE, ALSO REOPENING OF IPS OFFICE LIMA. SMALL INDICATED THAT STRONGLY WORDED CABLE, ARRIVING IN MIDST OF HEARING, MIGHT HAVE HAD NEGATIVE EFFECT ON DECISION HANDED DOWN.

3. SMALL REPORTED THAT IPS CONTINUING TO PUBLICIZE "POLITICAL REPRESSION" IN PERU, AS FOCUSED ON IPS AND OTHER INSTITUTIONS/PEOPLE THERE. SAID THAT AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL WAS AWARE OF VASQUEZ CASE, IS DISTURBED REGARDING GENERAL

CONDITIONS IN PERU, AND WAS INVESTIGATING CASE WITH A VIEW TOWARD ADOPTION. INTERNATIONAL COMMISSION OF JURISTS, GENEVA, ALSO REPORTEDLY FOLLOWING MATTER.

4. SMALL SAID IPS HAD DEMANDED OF PERUVIAN AMBASSADOR HERE FULL LEGAL EXPLANATION OF STATUS OF IPS IN PERU BUT HAD RECEIVED NO SATISFACTION. IPS HAS SINCE RELEASED PRESS STORY HEADED "PERUVIAN EMBASSY OFFICIAL CAUGHT LYING ABOUT CHARGES PRESENTED AGAINST LUIS VASQUEZ" AND REPORTING THAT U.S. LABOR PARTY AND IPS DEMAND A PUBLIC RETRACTION BY DCM RAMOS AND HIS RECALL FROM U.S. (COPY BEING POUCHED LIMA).

5. SMALL AGAIN URGED FORCEFUL USG AND EMBASSY INTERVENTION IN CASE. EMBASSY'S LAST ACTION - AT HIGH LEVEL IN EARLY NOVEMBER - WAS TO REQUEST GOP TO EXPEDITE INVESTIGATION OF IPS AND ANY INDICATED LEGAL ACTION AGAINST IT (REF B). INVESTIGATION APPARENTLY NOT YET COMPLETE. SUGGEST EMBASSY INQUIRE OF GOP ABOUT STATUS THEREOF.

6. ALSO REQUEST THAT EMBASSY INQUIRE ABOUT SEIZURE OF IPS PROPERTY AND RECOMMEND THAT ACCOUNTING BE GIVEN IPS EITHER THROUGH LAWYER IN LIMA OR DIRECTLY TO IPS HEADQUARTERS NEW YORK.

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